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SUBJ: (U) HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMARY - MARCH 22-23, 1980

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1. SUMMARY: THERE WAS ONE REPORT OF A DISAPPEARANCE
LAST WEEK WHICH TOOK PLACE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. A
COMMUNICATING DISAPPEARED STAYED IN TOUCH WITH HIS FAMILY
AT LEAST THROUGH MARCH 23. THE MONTONEROS CLAIM THAT TWO
OF THEIR MEMBERS DISAPPEARED WHILE TRAVELING CLANDESTINELY IN
LATIN AMERICA.
AND THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE GOT OFF TO A NOT VERY
IMPRESSIVE START DURING THE WEEK UNDER REVIEW. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) A REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE: A HABEAS CORPUS FOR
RICARDO SORIA WAS FILED MARCH 21. THE PETITION BY THE
33 YEAR OLD SORIA'S MOTHER STATES THAT SHE LAST SAW HIM
ON MARCH 17 WHEN HE LEFT HIS HOME FOR WORK. SHE CLAIMS
THAT LATER THAT DAY WHEN SHE WAS AT HER SON'S HOME, MEN
IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL POLICE
CAME AND TOLD HER THAT HIS FLAT WAS BEING CONFISCATED,
ORDERING HER TO LEAVE AND NOT RETURN.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS BELIEVE THAT SORIA'S CASE
HAS ALL THE MARKINGS OF A CLASSIC DISAPPEARANCE, THE
FIRST SUCH REPORT THIS YEAR. WE ARE SEEKING TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT SORIA'S BACKGROUND--FOR EXAMPLE, IF HE HAD
ANY KNOWN POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS.

4. THE CONTINUING CASE OF A COMMUNICATING DIS-
APPEARED: THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER WORD FROM THE SIX
PEOPLE WHO DISAPPEARED IN AUGUST AND COMMUNICATED WITH
THEIR FAMILIES FOR A TIME EARLIER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER,
THE INDIVIDUAL WE REPORTED AS DISAPPEARING IN
NOVEMBER AND BEGINNING COMMUNICATING WITH HIS RELATIVES
IN DECEMBER WAS AGAIN IN TOUCH WITH HIS FAMILY AS RECENTLY
AS MARCH 23. HUMAN RIGHTS SOURCES STATE THAT THIS
INDIVIDUAL WAS A MONTONERO IN THE PAST BUT ALLEGEDLY
BROKE WITH THE ORGANIZATION SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THEY
ALSO REPORT THAT TWO OF HIS BROTHERS ARE AMONG THE DIS-
APPEARED. ACCORDING TO THE FAMILY, THE BROTHERS WERE PROBABLY

TAKEN BY SECURITY FORCES WHO CONFUSED THEM WITH THEIR
RECENTLY DISAPPEARED BROTHER,
ALLEGEDLY THE ONLY MONTONERO IN THE FAMILY.
THE COMMUNICATING DISAPPEARED IS ALLOWED TO VISIT HOME,
AND EVEN STAY OVER NIGHT, WITHOUT ANY APPARENT SECURITY
SUPERVISION. ACCORDING TO HUMAN RIGHTS SOURCES, WHEN
HE WAS ALLOWED TO PASS CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY AT HIS
HOME HIS CAPTORS GAVE HIM AN ARGENTINE NAVY SYMBOL TO
HANG ON HIS CHRISTMAS TREE. HUMAN RIGHTS SOURCES ARE
SEEKING TO PERSUADE THIS MAN TO FLEE THE COUNTRY THE
NEXT TIME HE IS ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME--BUT HE REPORTEDLY
FEARS FOR HIS FAMILY'S SAFETY IF HE DOES SO.

5. (U) MOTHERS FREED: ALL PEOPLE ARRESTED LAST WEEK
WHEN THE MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO ATTEMPTED TO
PRESENT A PETITION TO PRESIDENT VIDELA WERE FREED AFTER
BEING HELD FOR 24 HOURS.

6. (U) MONTONEROS DENOUNCE DISAPPEARANCES ABROAD: THE
ARGENTINE PRESS REPORTED MARCH 25 THAT THE MONTONERO
EXILE ORGANIZATION IN MEXICO HAS DENOUNCED THE DISAP-
PEARANCE OF TWO MONTONEROS WHO WERE TRAVELING MARCH 12 BETWEEN
MEXICO CITY AND RIO DE JANEIRO WITH AN INTERMEDIATE
STOP IN CARACAS. THE MONTONERO STATEMENT SAID THAT THE
TWO--HORACIO CAMPIGLIA AND SUSANA PINOS DE BINSTON--
WERE TRAVELING UNDER FALSE ARGENTINE DOCUMENTATION--
"FOR REASONS OF SECURITY."

7. IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE TWO MISSING PERSONS IN-
TENDED TO REINFILTRATE INTO ARGENTINA AS PART OF A
MONTONERO OPERATION.

8. (U) COAST GUARD PETTY OFFICER SENTENCED: THE PRESS
REPORTED THAT A COAST GUARD CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WAS
SENTENCED LAST WEEK TO FOUR YEARS IN JAIL FOR USING A
RUBBER TRUNcheon TO BEAT PORT WORKERS IN 1977. JUDGE
MARQUART SENTENCED THE CPO STATING "IT CANNOT BE ALLOWED
THAT A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY FORCES MAKES USE OF THE
ARMS SOCIETY ENTRUSTS TO HIM FOR ITS OWN DEFENSE TO
ATTACK PEACE-LOVING PERSONS IN A DISHONORABLE SHOW OF
FORCE."

9. COMMENT: THIS IS AN ISOLATED INSTANCE OF A MILITARY
MAN BEING BROUGHT TO JUSTICE FOR SUCH ACTS.

10. THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE: THE MUCH TOUTED
DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND CIVILIANS GOT UNDER
WAY ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25. THE FIRST MEETING--SIGNI-
FICANTLY--BROUGHT TWO CIVILIAN POLITICAL LIGHTWEIGHTS
TO THE OFFICE OF INTERIOR MINISTER MARGUINDEGUY: DR.
JOSE EDUARDO DE CARA AND DR. ALBERTO A. NATALE. DE CARA

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AND NATALE ARE SECOND RANK PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS, WHO WERE DESCRIBED BY ONE EXPERIENCED ARGENTINE POLITICIAN AS BEING ABLE TO MUSTER 300 VOTES BETWEEN THEM. HARGUINDEGUY MEETS TODAY (MARCH 28) WITH SEVERAL LEADERS INCLUDING EDUARDO CXENFORD, WHO IS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BUSINESSMEN'S COUNCIL OF ARGENTINA, AND HAS REPRESENTED ARGENTINE EMPLOYERS AT ILO MEETINGS IN GENEVA.

11. MORE INTERESTING THAN THE PARTNERS IN THE DIALOGUE, WAS THE RESPONSE AMONG THE MILITARY TO ITS START. PRIVATELY, OUR MILITARY CONTACTS SUGGESTED THAT THE DIALOGUE WILL BE A VERY LONG PROCESS INDEED, AND THE COMMANDERS OF THE NAVY, AIR FORCE AND ARMY WENT ON THE PUBLIC RECORD WITH THE SAME MESSAGE--ARMY CINC GALTIERI STATING, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE "BALLOT BOXES ARE STILL LOCKED AWAY." THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP'S NEED TO WREST ANY LINGERING SUSPICION OF SUBSTANCE FROM THE DIALOGUE SUGGESTS THAT EVEN ITS VERY TENTATIVE BEGINNING IS A POLITICAL ISSUE IN AN OFFICER CORPS LOATH TO SEE THE POLITICIANS PARTICULARLY THE PERONISTS RETURN TO POWER. CASTRO

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